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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Paris conference of Nato came to a close, today - with an invitation to Soviet Russia - in line with the agreement we heard about yesterday - the fifteen countries deciding to make a move to resume disarmament negotiations with Moscow.

The invitation, however, is accompanied by a warning, telling Russia to stop making threats of atomic war - and, to join in new talks to end the atomic armament race.

The suggestion is that the Russians call off their boycott of the disarmament commission at the U N - and resume negotiations there. But, if they still persist in refusing to deal with the disarmament commission - why, then, there's a way out. The Nato countries - offering to join in an East-West conference of Foreign Ministers.

Opinion in Paris is - that the Soviets will accept
- rather quickly. Perhaps - within a few weeks. The
Secretary General of Nato, Spaak of Belgium, says - he
expects a Soviet answer in - a matter of days.

Unofficial sources in Paris think - that East-
West conferences, as now suggested by Nato, may go
further than disarmament. And include - such matters as
German reunification.

NATO MISSILE BASES

3 The first member of the American delegation to return from Paris - was Deputy Secretary of Defense Donald Quarles. Who discounted reports - that West Germany may reject ~~them~~ missile bases with American rockets and atomic and hydrogen bombs. This in spite of the Nato decision to accept those missile bases.

In Paris, today, the West German Minister of Defense, Joseph Strauss, declared that ^{his country's} ~~the West German~~ military chiefs are against accepting rockets of longer range. - The fifteen hundred mile intermediate missiles - which the United States is offering. The defense Minister explained that military opinion in ^{West Germany is} ~~the West German~~ army should have short range missiles. Such as could be used for ~~these~~ tactical purposes - in land battles, for example. They'd like to have such rockets as the American Red Stone, which has a range of two hundred miles.

All of which does not seem contrary to American ideas. We hear that the United States, itself, has a doubt - ~~that~~ whether the longer range missiles should go to West Germany.

The results of ~~that~~ Paris conference must have been - good medicine for President Eisenhower. Leaving Paris this evening, he was in/^ajovial mood. Hailing people at the airport- as he boarded the Presidential plane, Columbine.

Obviously he was well pleased with the results of the conference. In an airport good-bye to President Coty of France, He said: "I think we are just a little bit closer to the idea of peace - and I think this group has done a lot to make the chances of war a little more remote."

Tonight, the Columbine is in the sky - due to land in ~~Maxi~~ Washington early tomorrow morning. The President getting ready for his radio-television appearance on Monday - when, with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, he will give the American public a report on what ^{went on} ~~was said~~ at Paris.

NATO REACTION

Meanwhile,
/ In Washington, Administration circles are jubilant over the result of the Paris conference - with Nato's decision to accept American missile bases.

On the Democratic side, ~~ka~~ in Congress, there are various reservations. One of which concerns - the fact that the Paris agreement ~~is~~ was "in principle." A familiar term in the language of diplomacy, which often means - "not much."

Democratic Senator Mike Mansfield of Montana says, for ~~example~~ example: "Agreement in principle doesn't mean anything. Except as a form of diplomatic evasion."

While Democratic Senator Humphrey of Minnesota describes the result of the Nato summit affair as "polite face-saving."

Well, you'~~will~~ always find some differences of opinion - especially when Democrats and Republicans are talking.

ROCKET

This country has developed a system of guidance for its Jupiter ballistic ~~is~~ missile. A system - that is jam-proof.

The rocket-is guided in the early stages of its flight. Then going on - like an artillery shell. The point being - that, hitherto, that initial guidance gadget was electronic. Hence - liable to jamming. But now a new system has been devised - based on a gyroscope, which cannot be jammed.

So says General Maxwell Taylor, Army Chief of Staff - and, simultaneously, another rocket launching is reported at Cape Canaveral. An Air Force Thor - streaking into the sky, and vanishing along the rocket range. Observers declaring , ~~the~~ Thor went on its way without any apparent difficulty.

MOSCOW

Moscow announces - that Soviet Russia will reduce its military expenditures next year. Cutting the figure - from ninety six billion, seven hundred million rubles, to ninety-six billion, three hundred million. The percentage of the reduction doesn't ~~seem~~ seem so much, but there's an additional proviso, which sounds more important. One-fifth of the entire defense budget of Soviet Russia - will be ~~xxx~~ spent on scientific research.

So stated by the Moscow finance minister, today, at the opening of the Supreme Soviet, the Russian Parliament.

TORNADOES

Tornadoes again! One hitting southern Arkansas, this afternoon - blasting through a cotton-belt community near the town of Waldo. Five houses demolished - with the loss of one life.

The twister, the latest in a barrage of tornadoes, roaring along in the Middle West and South. Fourteen lives lost - a thousand people homeless.

GALINDEZ

At Washington, a conviction - in the Galindez mystery. The disappearance - of the Columbia University professor, who was a bitter antagonist of the Trujillo regime in the Dominican Republic. John Joseph Frank, once an agent of the F B I - convicted of failure to register with the government, as an agent of the Trujillo regime. Sentence - eight months to two years in prison. Frank - released on bail, pending an appeal.

The charge is - that Frank, as a "security adviser" to the Dominican strong man, investigated Galindez, before the Professor vanished. Also - that, at a New Jersey airport, he was with an American pilot, Gerald Murphy, when an airplane was rented - allegedly to be used in the kidnapping of the Columbia Professor.

Rumors are that Galindez was murdered, because of his opposition to Trujillo. ~~And~~ that Pilot Murphy was killed, ^{too,} because he knew about the fate of Galindez. The Trujillo people declare that Murphy lost his life in a fight with a

Dominican pilot. Who, later, committed suicide.

In the trial of John Joseph Frank, the prosecution stated - that he was the only ~~PR~~ person, within the jurisdiction of the United States, who knew the truth in the mystery of Galindez. But ~~-/wouldn't~~ ^{wouldn't} cooperate with the Grand Jury, in clearing up the case.

RACKETS

The Governor of Tennessee - is going to examine evidence given before the Senate Rackets committee - concerning charges - that a Tennessee Judge showed favoritism to the Teamsters Union. Governor Frank Clement - much interested in testimony about Judge Raulston Schoolfield, of Chattanooga. Charges of bribery in connection with cases tried in his courts. In one case - allegedly getting a new trial for a man convicted of concealing stolen property.

In Washington, Committee Chairman Senator McClellan of Arkansas says - he assumes the committee will have no objection to a study of the evidence by State authorities.

There's a question - of whether or not the committee will subpoena Judge Schoolfield, and have him come to Washington and give testimony. No decision, as yet - on that point.

LASSETER

From Australia - news of the solution of a mystery. Called - Australia's number one puzzle. Whatever happened - to Harold Bell Lasseter, the American explorer who disappeared in the Australian desert some twenty-six years ago? The Australians have been wondering - ever since.

The answer comes in a message from - my father, who is out in Australia. On an expedition into the Great Australian Desert - gathering material for a television program. They made their way into Never-Never land - seeking an answer to the mystery of the lost explorer.

The angles - beguiling. Lasseter had told of gold he had found on an earlier journey - a gold reef, or vein, in the remote wilderness. And he was going back to that treasure-land, with a large expedition. But there were dissensions, and the expedition broke up. The others - turning back. But Lasseter kept on - with a camel, brought from Afghanistan.

So - did he perish in the desert of thirst and hunger? Or was he killed by the aborigines of the primitive tribes? Or did he find his gold, and then go on? Crossing the great Australian desert - a thing no man had ever done?

There have been persistent rumors down the years - that the missing explorer actually reached the west coast. Where - he took a ship to America, and that he is alive today. One report being - that he became a pastor in the Mormon Church, now living in Salt Lake City.

So what has the Lowell Thomas television expedition discovered? Well, they found an aborigine - who told them that, as a boy - he was with his tribe in the desert - when they came upon Lasseter - dying of privation. They tried to help him - but it was too late.

Not only that - L.T.'s expedition found the remains of explorer. The aborigine, together with fellow-tribesmen - leading them to a remote place in Never-

Never Land, - where Lasseter perished. There they found what was left - of the American who tried to conquer the the great Australian desert. His remains - now brought back to Sydney.

But what about the gold reef? Well, the "Abos" broke a silence they had kept for years, about the treasure ground, and they led the expedition to a ledge, saying - that was what Lasseter had found. We'll have to wait for more information - on this topic of gold.

But, how did it happen that the television expedition was able to solve the riddle? During the years, one party after another - had gone looking for Lasseter and his gold reef. My father explains - that it was all because of Lee Robinson, an Australian motion picture man - who was along with him. Lee Robinson - having spent years in learning the ways of the Australian aborigines. And - how to gain their confidence. So Joe - that's how the television expedition - succeeded.

GIRL

In the old French city of Lyons, Francine Viallett -- was truly astonished. She couldn't believe it, as she picked herself up - alive.

Francine had been having - an argument with the boy friend. He was heartless, he was cruel - as they jabbered away with all the excitement of the French language.

Finally, Francine could endure it no longer. Her heart was broken - and she ran to the window - of her seven story high apartment, hurling herself out - to end it all.

Then, a brief instant later, she was picking herself up - with all that amazement. Having landed in a pile of sand - deep and soft. Nothing broken - except the heart.

Which still was fractured - and noticing a canal nearby, Francine made a dash - to end it all now by drowning. But a bystander grabbed her - as she was about to jump in.

So what could poor Francine do - except go back to the boy friend, to resume the argument.

And, solong until tomorrow!